



MO HealthNet Managed Care

Quality Assessment & Improvement Advisory Group

Tuesday, March 22, 2022



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PRESENTED BY: MARK KAPP

TODAY'S AGENDA

BEHAVIOR HEALTH UPDATE

BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENT FOR OBESITY

MHD UPDATE

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATE

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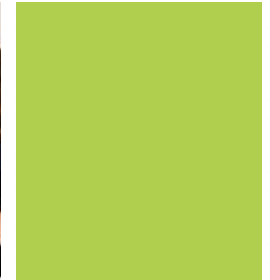
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QA&I Meeting:

Behavioral Health Updates

March 22, 2022

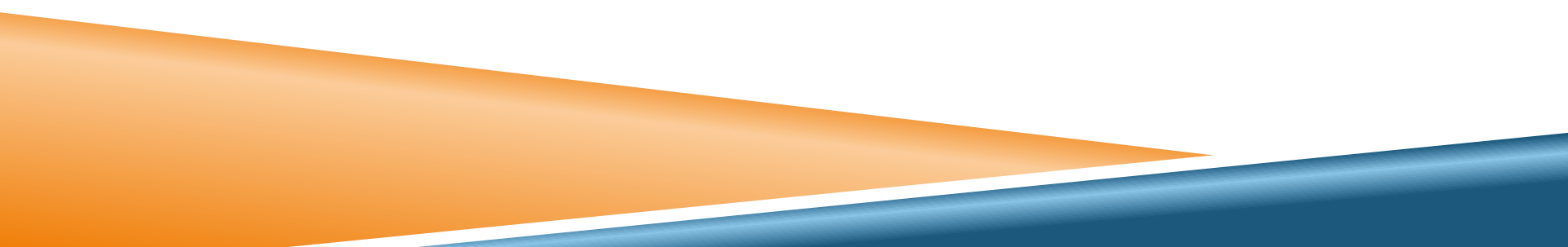


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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATES:
7/1/2022 CONTRACT

SPECIALTY PLAN FOR COA 4: MISSION STATEMENT

***TO ESTABLISH A TRAUMA-INFORMED, COMPREHENSIVE AND
INTEGRATED BH/PH DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN
AND YOUTH - IN THE CARE OF THE STATE, RECEIVING ADOPTION
OR GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE, OR PERSONS UNDER
AGE 26 FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE - TO GROW INTO HEALTHY
ADULTS AND LIVE FULL AND SATISFYING LIVES.***



SPECIALTY PLAN: TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH TO CARE MANAGEMENT

- ***ALL CARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES MUST INCORPORATE FIVE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE MISSOURI MODEL***
- ***SAFETY***
- ***TRUSTWORTHINESS***
- ***CHOICE***
- ***COLLABORATION***
- ***EMPOWERMENT***

***THE MISSOURI MODEL: A DEVELOPMENTAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRAUMA INFORMED
([HTTPS://WWW.CFECILDWELLBEING.ORG/BECOMING-TRAUMA-INFORMED](https://www.cfecildwellbeing.org/becoming-trauma-informed)).***



SPECIALTY PLAN: COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

THE SPECIALTY PLAN IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT (CCS) REHABILITATION SERVICES. CCS SERVICES ARE COVERED FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEHAVIORAL CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN A CHILDREN'S DIVISION (CD)-LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM (QRTP), TREATMENT FOSTER HOME. CCS ALSO INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL AFTERCARE AND TRANSITION TREATMENT FOSTER CARE.*

****QRTP -- A DESIGNATED, NON FAMILY-BASED PLACEMENT DESIGNED TO HELP SERVE CHILDREN WITH HIGHER TREATMENT NEEDS THAT WARRANT A SHORT-TERM PLACEMENT OUTSIDE OF THEIR FAMILY HOME.***



SPECIALTY PLAN: IN LIEU OF SERVICES

IN LIEU OF SERVICES (ILOS) OPTIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED IF MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE AND COST EFFECTIVE SUBSTITUTE FOR COVERED SERVICES.

PARTIAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM (PHP)

PHP SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN 42 CFR 410.43 IN LIEU OF PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE USE INPATIENT SERVICES, PRTF SERVICES, OR OTHER HIGHER LEVELS OF PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES.

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM (IOP)

IOP IN LIEU OF PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE USE INPATIENT SERVICES, PRTF SERVICES, OR OTHER HIGHER LEVELS OF PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES.

INPATIENT DIVERSION/STEPPDOWN

IN LIEU OF PSYCHIATRIC OR SUBSTANCE USE INPATIENT CARE TO ADULTS AGE TWENTY-ONE (21) AND OLDER FOR UP TO NINETY (90) DAYS ANNUALLY, AND FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) WITH NO ANNUAL LIMIT.

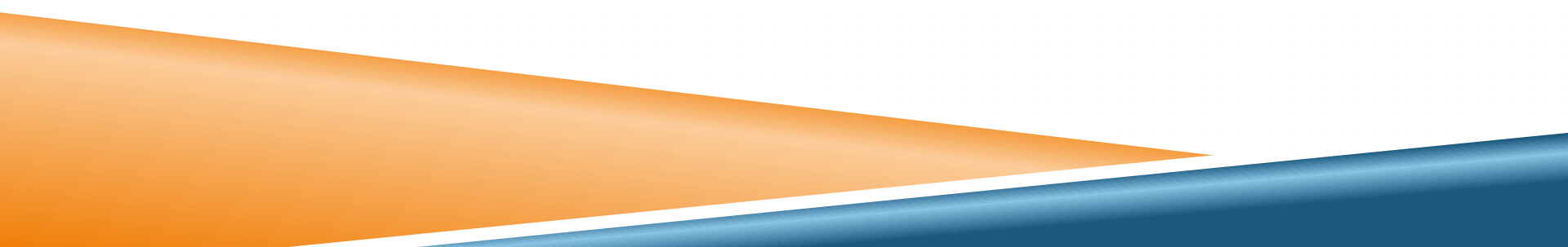


GENERAL & SPECIALTY PLANS: MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY UPDATE – CONTRACT SECTION: 2.6.8

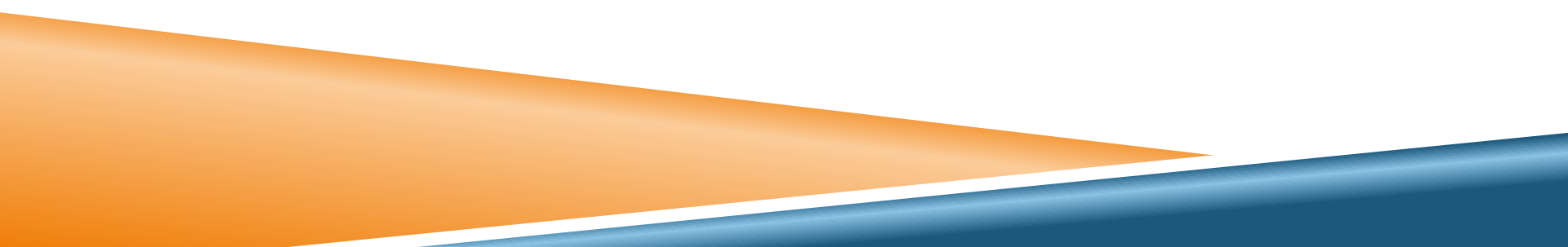
- ***THE HEALTH PLAN SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR IN-NETWORK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UNLESS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE STATE AGENCY IN WRITING.***
- ***THE HEALTH PLAN'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:***
 - ***LIST OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROPOSED TO BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION,***
 - ***A SUMMARY OF THE HEALTH PLAN'S ANALYSIS THAT DEMONSTRATES THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS COMPLY WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY REQUIREMENTS IN 42 CFR 438.910(d).***

GENERAL & SPECIALTY PLANS: CERTIFICATION REVIEW UPDATE

- ***CURRENTLY, CONTRACT REQUIRES LEVEL OF CARE UTILIZATION SYSTEM (LOCUS) FOR ADULTS AND CHILD AND ADOLESCENT LEVEL OF CARE UTILIZATION SYSTEM (CALOCUS) FOR YOUTH.***
 - ***CALOCUS-CASII – NEWLY MERGED INSTRUMENT:***
 - ***[HTTPS://CALOCUS-CASII.ORG/](https://calocus-casii.org/)***
 - ***[HTTPS://WWW.AACAP.ORG/AACAP/MEMBER_RESOURCES/PRACTICE_INFORMATION/CALOCUS_CASII.ASPX](https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/MEMBER_RESOURCES/PRACTICE_INFORMATION/CALOCUS_CASII.ASPX)***
 - ***EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, GENERAL AND SPECIALTY PLAN CONTRACTS WILL REQUIRE:***
 - ***LOCUS – MEMBERS OVER 18***
 - ***CHILD AND ADOLESCENT LEVEL OF CARE/SERVICE INTENSITY UTILIZATION SYSTEM (CALOCUS-CASII) – MEMBERS 6 TO 18***
 - ***EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE INTENSITY INSTRUMENT (ECSII) – MEMBERS UNDER 6***
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GENERAL & SPECIALTY PLANS: PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

***REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR STATE AND PRIVATELY OPERATED
PRTFs THAT DELIVER PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
SERVICES TO YOUTH WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE
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GENERAL & SPECIALTY PLANS

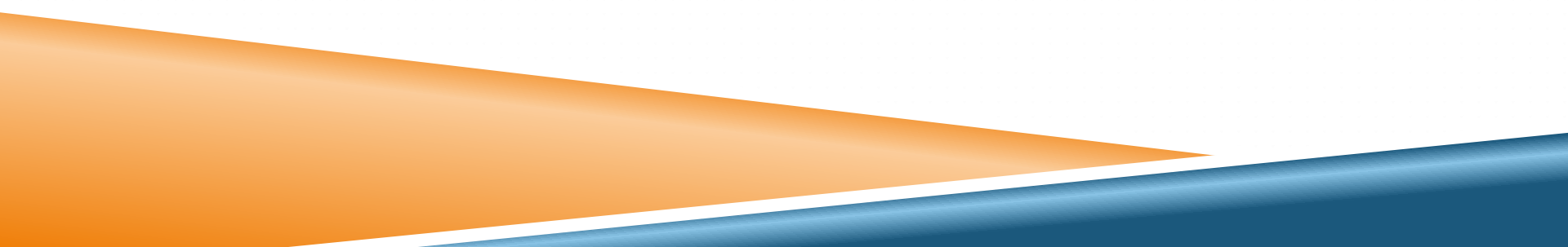
PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)

- ***NON-HOSPITAL FACILITY WITH A PROVIDER AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INPATIENT PSYCH UNDER 21 BENEFIT***
- ***PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT***
- ***OFFERS SHORT-TERM, INTENSE, AND FOCUSED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT***
- ***ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUTH'S FAMILY, OTHER AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY***

***PRIVATE PRTF FACILITIES WERE ADDED VIA
MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021.***

***BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, MHD
MANAGED CARE PLANS WILL COVER PRTF
SERVICES FOR THEIR MEMBERS.***

PRTF UPDATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

- ***HEALTH PLANS ARE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE AT LEAST THE STATE AGENCY FEE-FOR-SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE RATE***
 - ***THE STATE OPERATED PRTF SHALL RECEIVE THE TRENDED COST PER DAY AS CALCULATED BY DMH FOR THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR (SAME AS FFS).***
 - ***CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL NO LONGER NEED TO CHANGE HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS TO FFS IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED BY HAWTHORN FOR SERVICES.***
 - ***PRTF ADMISSIONS, CONTINUED STAY REVIEWS, AND RETROSPECTIVE REVIEWS ALSO REQUIRE:***
 - ***LOCUS FOR MEMBERS OVER AGE 18,***
 - ***CALOCUS-CASII FOR MEMBERS AGED 6-18, AND***
 - ***THE ESCII FOR MEMBERS UNDER AGE 6.***
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BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENT FOR OBESITY

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MO MEDICAID OBESITY TREATMENT BENEFIT OVERVIEW

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“Obesity is associated with a range of diseases, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, arthritis, sleep apnea, and many types of cancers. Obesity is estimated to increase healthcare spending by \$149 billion annually (about half of which is paid for by Medicare and Medicaid).”

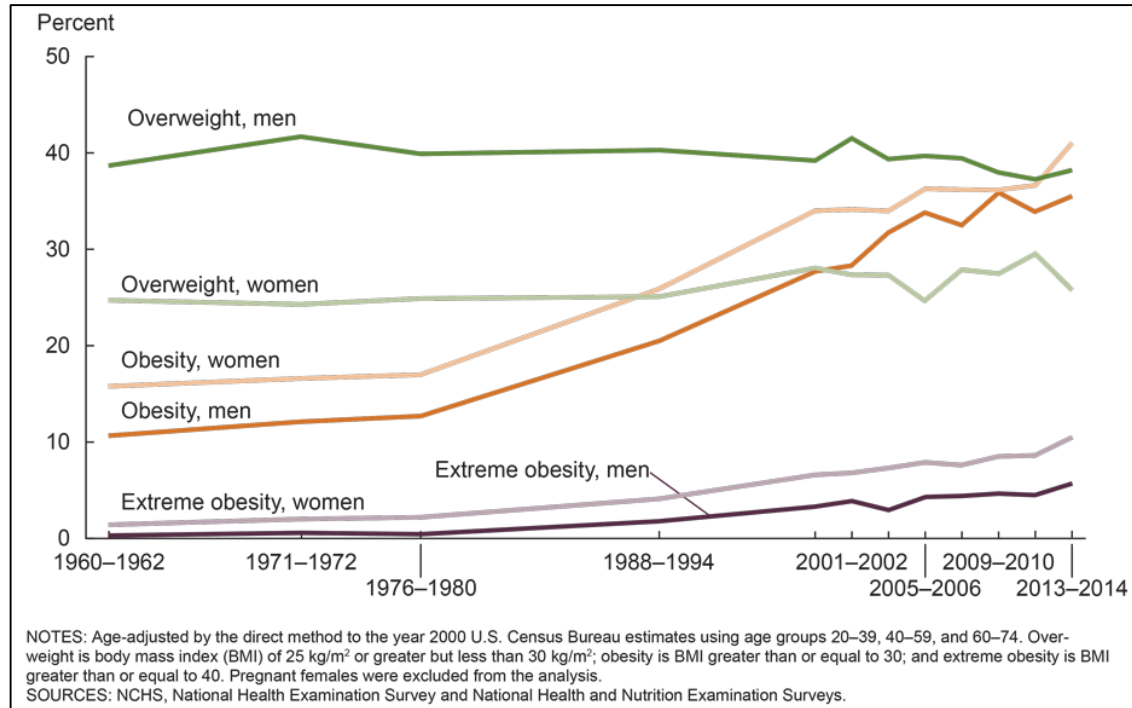
The State of Obesity: Better Policies for A Healthier America, 2021.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF MO HN BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL OBESITY TREATMENT BENEFIT

- Obesity is a complex chronic disease with medical, psychological and social etiologies and consequences; its treatment must include intervention in these 3 areas
- “The intent is to provide integrated medical nutrition and behavioral health services, coordinated by the primary care provider, to facilitate behavior changes to manage obesity and associated co-morbidities.”
- Benefit is based on US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations for adults and children with obesity

ADULT OBESITY TRENDS

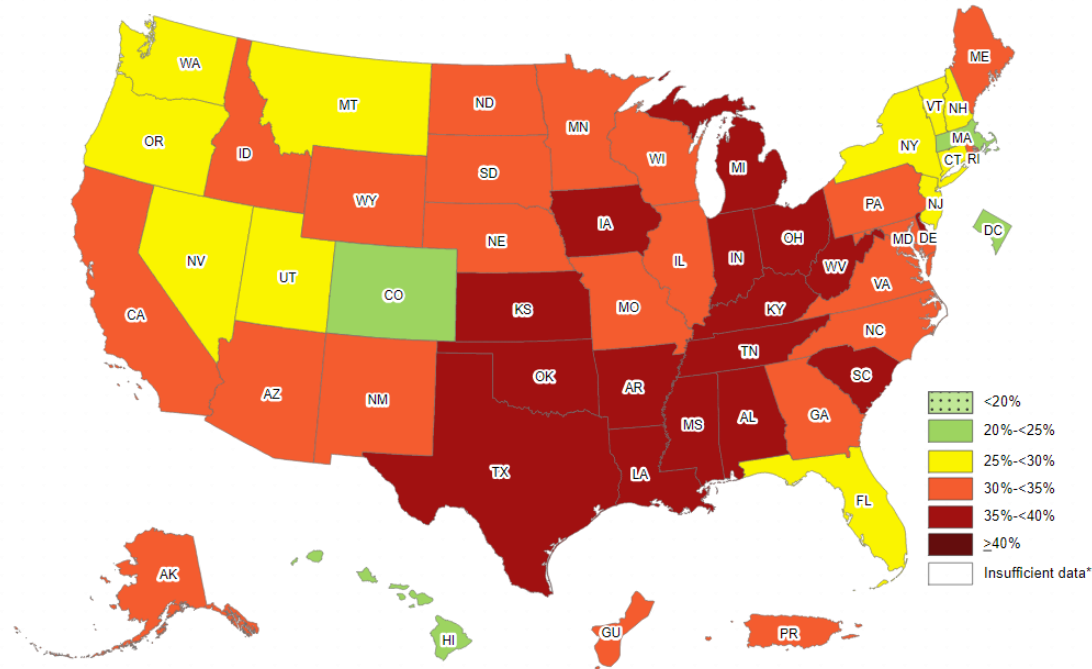
Trends in adult overweight, obesity and extreme obesity among men and women aged 20-74: United States, 1960-1962 through 2013-2014



<https://stateofobesity.org/files/stateofobesity2017.pdf>

*Prevalence of Self-Reported Obesity Among U.S. Adults by State and Territory, BRFSS, 2020

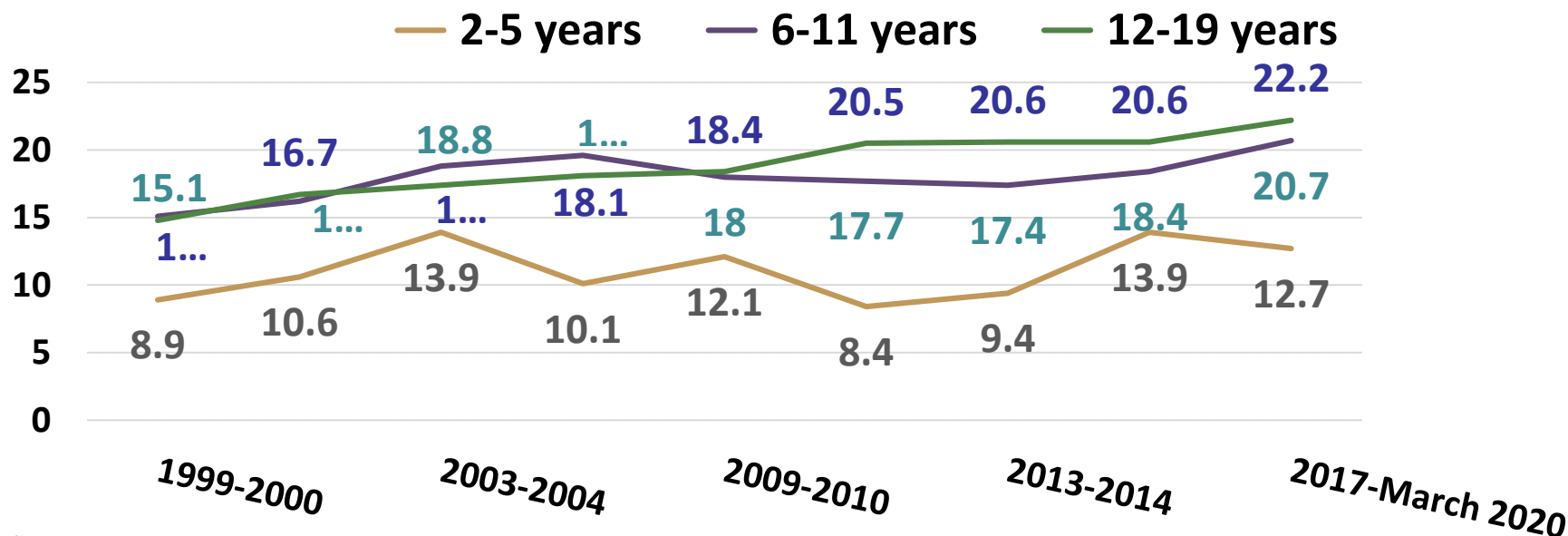
* Prevalence estimates reflect BRFSS methodological changes started in 2011. These estimates should not be compared to prevalence estimates before 2011.



CHILDHOOD OBESITY TRENDS

NATIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY

Prevalence of obesity in US youth 2-19 years, 1999-2000 through 2017-March 2020

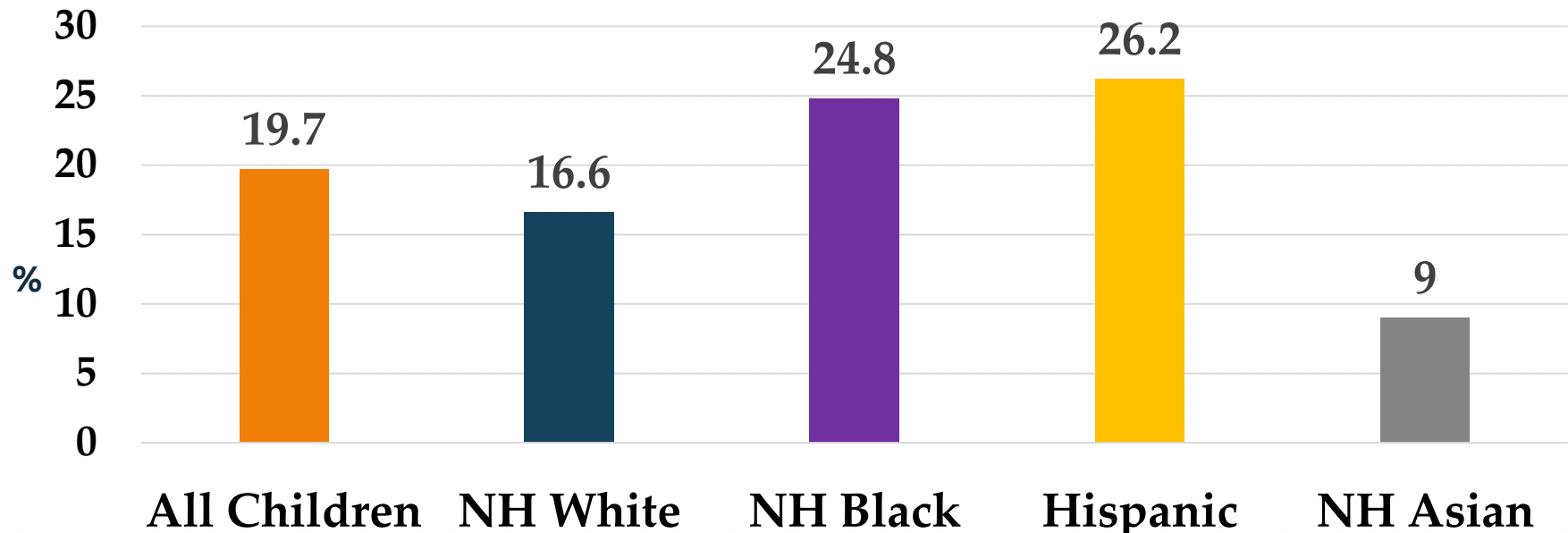


CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

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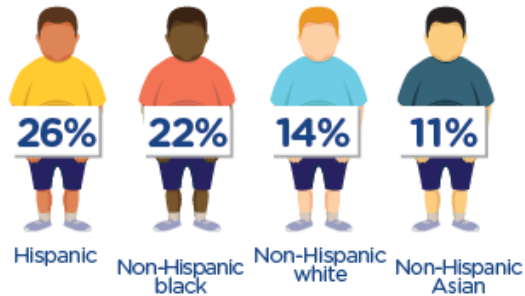
Prevalence of obesity by race and ethnicity in US youth 2-19 years, 2017-March 2020



CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

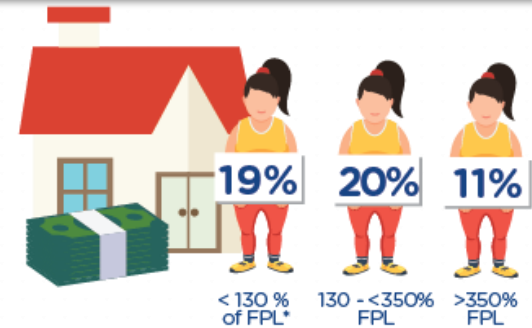
Disparities in Child Obesity Prevalence

By Race and Ethnicity



21.7%
9.4% severe obesity

By Household Income

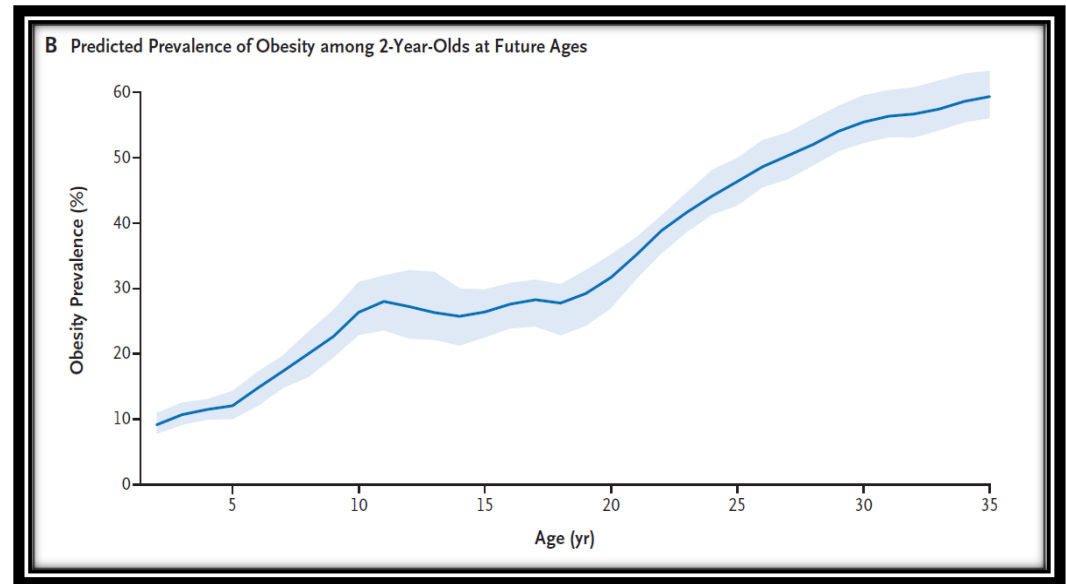


17.1%
5.1% severe obesity

By Metropolitan Status

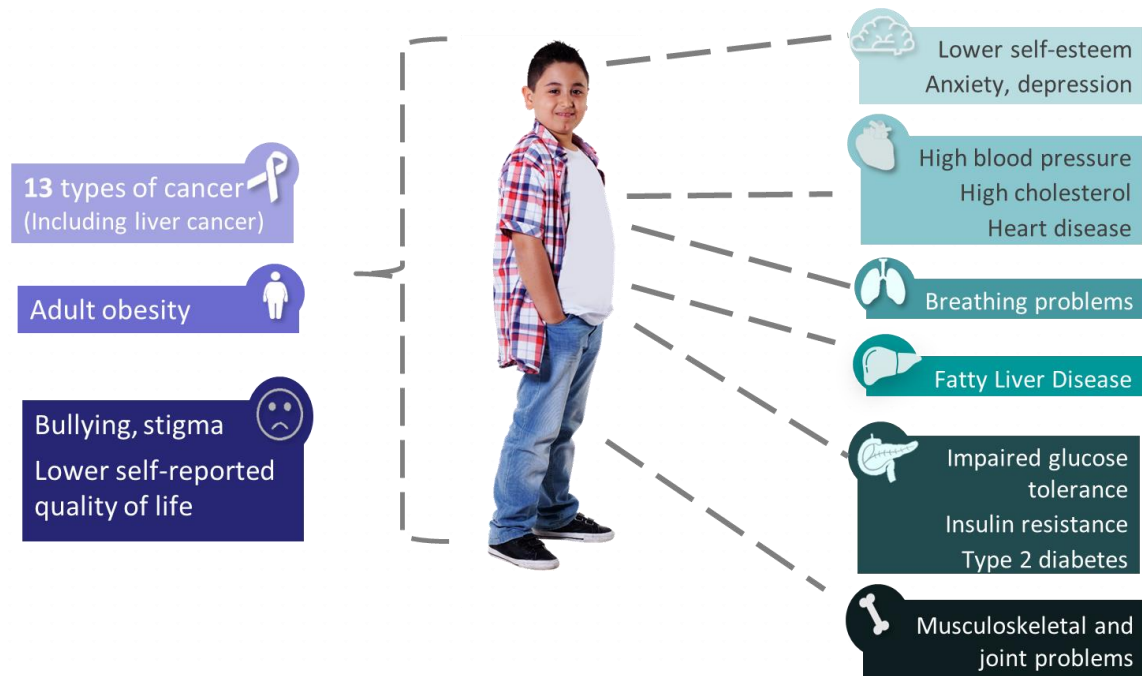
Future Predictions for Childhood Obesity

By 2050, the majority of today's children (57.3%) will have obesity by age 35, if our society doesn't take immediate actions

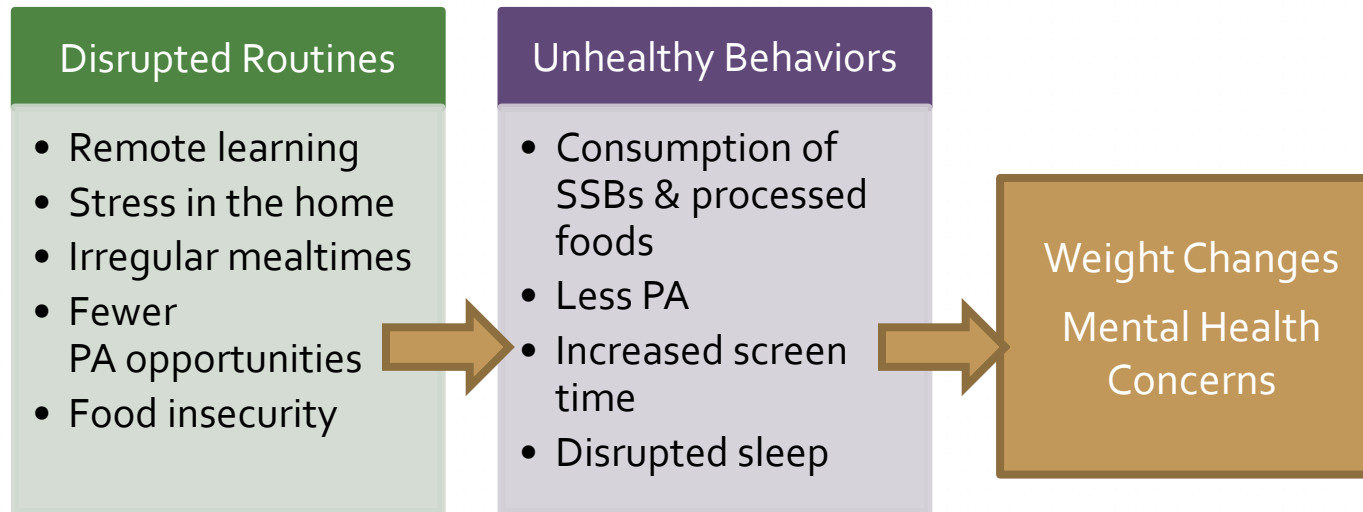


Source: Ward ZJ, Long MW, Resch SC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2017 Nov 30;377(22):2145-2

Immediate & Future Health Risks



Theoretical Impacts of the Pandemic on Children's Health



"It's a case of one health crisis exacerbating another health crisis"

"From a health standpoint, 2020 looked like a 10-month summer."

Relevant Sources:

Weight gain during COVID-19. October 13, 2020. <https://www.chop.edu/news/health-tip/weight-gain-during-covid-19>
The pandemic and childhood weight gain. January 4, 2021. <https://now.tufts.edu/articles/pandemic-and-childhood-weight-gain>
Remote learning during COVID-19 is causing children to gain weight, doctors warn. February 14, 2021. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/remote-learning-during-covid-19-is-causing-children-to-gain-weight-doctors-warn-11613298602> [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667\(21\)00168-7/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667(21)00168-7/fulltext)

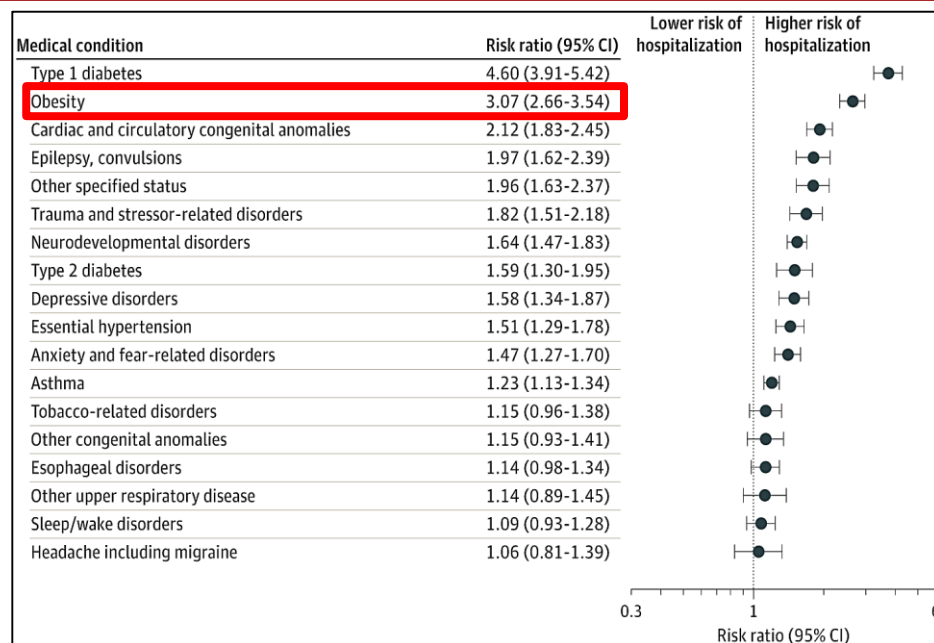
Accelerated Weight Gain During the Pandemic

- Data Source: IQVIA Ambulatory EMR; 100K providers from >800 sites
- Longitudinal Cohort: 432,302 children 2-19y with ≥ 3 BMI measurements

- During pandemic:
 - Healthy weight: 0.5 lb/month
 - 2.7 lb/6 months
 - Obesity: 1-1.2 lb/month
 - 6.1-7.3 lb/6 months

Monthly Rate of Change in Children's Weight in Pounds Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic & Expected Weight Gain Over Time						
	Pre-Pandemic			During Pandemic		
		Estimated Wt. Gain			Estimated Wt. Gain	
	Slope	6 mos.	12 mos.	Slope	6 mos.	12 mos.
Overall	0.36	2.1	4.3	0.60	3.6	7.1
BMI Category						
Underweight	0.21	1.3	2.5	0.29	1.7	3.5
Healthy Weight	0.28	1.7	3.4	0.45	2.7	5.4
Overweight	0.41	2.5	4.9	0.73	4.4	8.7
Moderate Obesity	0.54	3.3	6.5	1.01	6.1	12.1
Severe Obesity	0.74	4.4	8.8	1.22	7.3	14.6

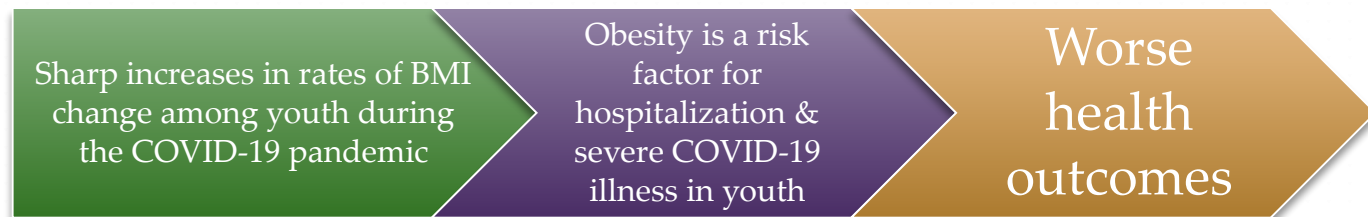
Obesity as a Risk Factor for COVID-19 Illness



Kompaniyets L, Agathis NT, Nelson JM, et al. Underlying medical conditions associated with severe COVID-19 illness among children. JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4(6):e2111182. doi: [10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.11182](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.11182)

Childhood Obesity & The COVID-19 Pandemic

- **Children and adolescents (2-19y) experienced sharp increases in their rates of BMI change during the early COVID-19 pandemic**
 - Average rate of BMI increase nearly doubled during the early pandemic (Mar-Nov 2020)
 - Groups most affected: children with overweight or obesity & children aged 6-11y
- **Among children and adolescents (≤ 18 y) with COVID-19, underlying medical conditions, including obesity, increased the likelihood for hospitalization and severe COVID-19 illness (ICU admission, IMV, or death)**



Recommended Pediatric Weight Management Intervention (PWMI)

Evidence Base:

Over 60 Randomized Controlled Trials show us that family-centered pediatric weight management interventions (PWMI) can result in 5-20% reduction in excess weight

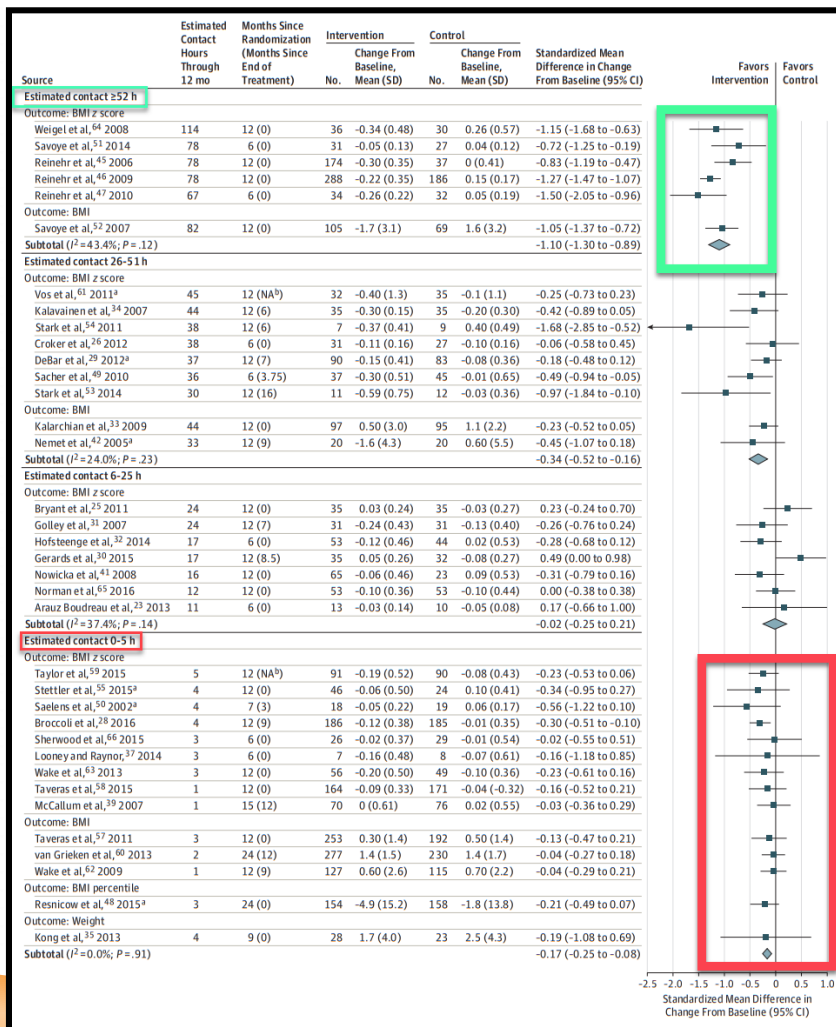


U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation (2017): Grade B*

Physicians should **screen children ages 6+** using BMI and offer/refer children with obesity to intensive, **family-centered PWMI**

PWMIs should have **26+ hours** of counseling over 2-12 months on **nutrition, physical activity, and behavior change.**

* Under the ACA Grade B recommendation means that insurers must cover screening and treatment in intensive interventions as a preventive service.



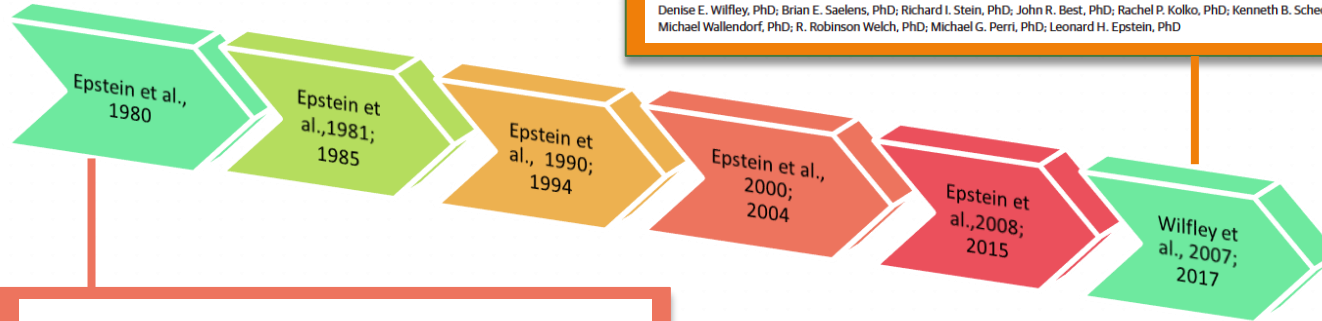
Longer treatment duration and greater number of treatment sessions are associated with more positive results

O'Connor et al., 2017, JAMA

FAMILY-BASED TREATMENT (FBT): A TIME-TESTED APPROACH



1980



Journal of Pediatric Psychology, Vol 5, No. 1, 1980

Comparison of Family-Based Behavior Modification and Nutrition Education for Childhood Obesity¹

Leonard H. Epstein,¹ Rena R. Wing, Linda Steranchak, Barbara Dickson, and Joyce Michelson
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

JAMA Pediatrics | Original Investigation

Dose, Content, and Mediators of Family-Based Treatment for Childhood Obesity

A Multisite Randomized Clinical Trial

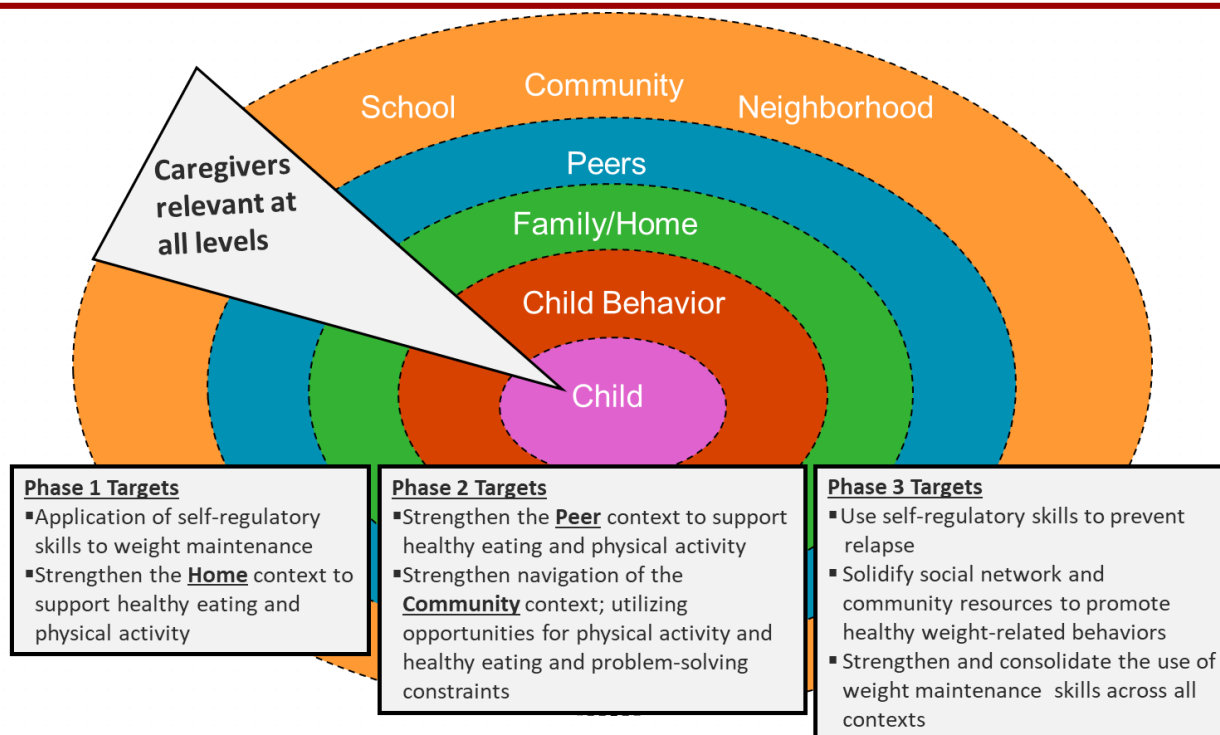
Denise E. Wilfley, PhD; Brian E. Saelens, PhD; Richard I. Stein, PhD; John R. Best, PhD; Rachel P. Kolko, PhD; Kenneth B. Schechtman, PhD; Michael Wallendorf, PhD; R. Robinson Welch, PhD; Michael G. Perri, PhD; Leonard H. Epstein, PhD

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FBT TREATMENT

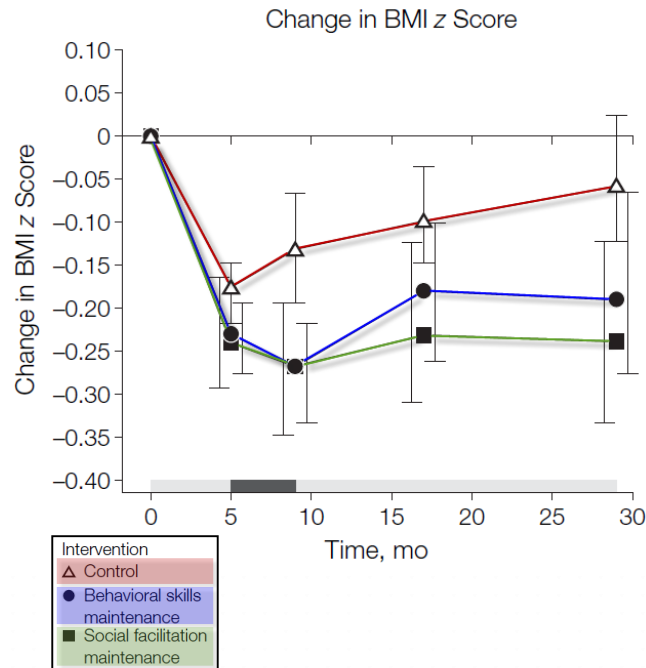
- Targets lifestyle behaviors in both youth and caregivers
- Recognizes that knowledge alone is not sufficient
- Focuses on successive changes using family support
- Core strategies include: positive parenting, self-monitoring, reinforcement, and stimulus control
- Shown to impact: overweight, physical and psychosocial health (e.g., blood pressure, cholesterol, insulin sensitivity)
- More cost-effective than treating parent and child separately

ENHANCED SOCIAL FACILITATION MAINTENANCE (SFM+)



Wilfley et al., 2010, *Obesity*

CHILDHOOD OBESITY REQUIRES SUSTAINABLE, LONG-LASTING TREATMENT

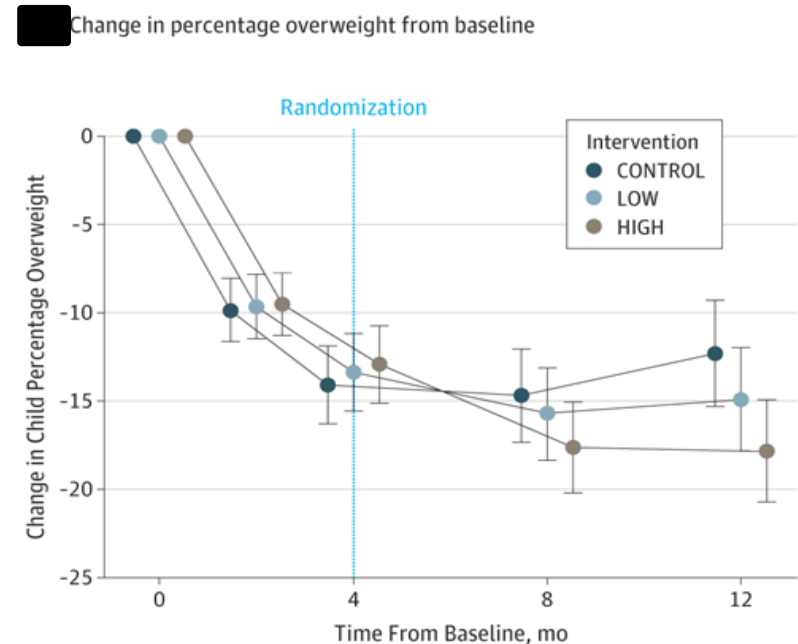


- Family-based intervention
- First large-scale weight loss maintenance study in children
- Social facilitation approach produced significantly greater:
 - Weight loss maintenance
 - Psychosocial improvements
- Parent success is associated with child long-term success

Wilfley et al., 2007, *JAMA*; Goldschmidt et al., 2011, *Pediatr*

DOSE, CONTENT, AND MEDIATORS OF FBT

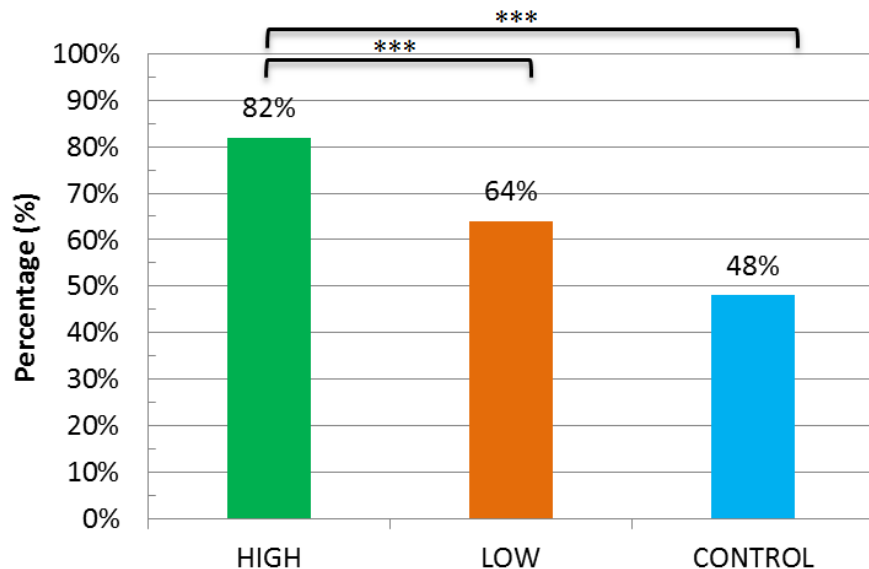
- SFM⁺ High greater weight loss maintenance than SFM⁺ Low ($p=.02$)
- SFM⁺ High and Low both yielded significantly greater weight loss maintenance than Control ($p<.001$ and $p=.02$, respectively)
- Behavioral and socio-environmental components mediated outcomes



Wilfley et al., 2017, *JAMA Pediatr*

SFM PRODUCES HIGHER RATES OF CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES

Achievement of % OW reduction ≥ 9 units



- A reduction of ≥ 9 units in percent overweight improves body composition and metabolic risk factors
- SFM+ High yielded significantly greater achievement of clinically significant reductions in %OW than SFM+ Low (NNT = 5.56; $p=.03$) and Control (NNT = 2.94; $p<.001$)

*** $p<.001$

Wilfley et al., 2017, *JAMA Pediatr*

Ford et al., 2010, *Arch Dis Child*; Reinehr et al., 2004, *Arch Dis Child*

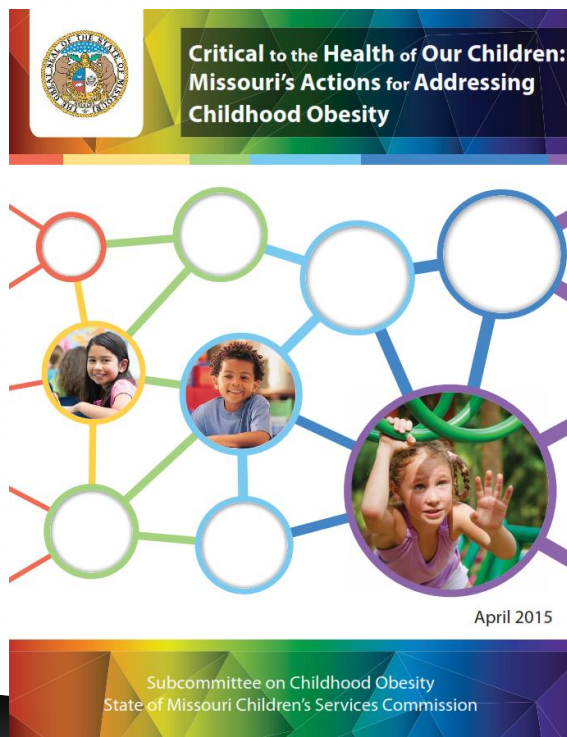
Benefits of a Family-Based Behavioral Treatment

- Demonstrated effectiveness for youth with obesity
- Provides concurrent treatment for parent with obesity and can generalize to other family members
- More cost effective than separate treatment of parent and child with obesity
- Can be individualized and produces positive psychosocial benefits
- Can be implemented with 2-18 years of age and in diverse settings like primary care
- Family-based interventions can be used to treat: obesity in multiple family members, obesity and comorbidities in multiple family members, and obesity in the parent and prevention of obesity in youth

Conclusions

- FBT is a robust, evidence-based intervention
- High-dose extended care treatment, using a family-based socio-environmental approach, produced superior rates of clinically significant outcomes and maintenance of relative body weight, suggesting the importance of:
 - Improving the shared home environment and building healthy routines
 - Harnessing parental and peer support for maintenance of healthy changes
 - Promoting positive body esteem and coping with teasing
 - Building opportunities for practicing new behaviors across multiple settings and contexts beyond the intervention setting
- Provides concurrent treatment for the parent/caregiver with obesity and has the potential to generalize to other family members

Missouri's Call to Action



Subcommittee Actions

- Created 5 draft recommendations
 - Prevention (child care)
 - Prevention (schools)
 - Treatment (family-based behavioral treatment)
 - Coordination between prevention and treatment (state centers of excellence)
 - Commission on child health and wellness (coordinating council)

<http://extension.missouri.edu/mocan/childhoodobesity/>

A Reimbursement Pathway for Access to USPSTF-Recommended Obesity Care

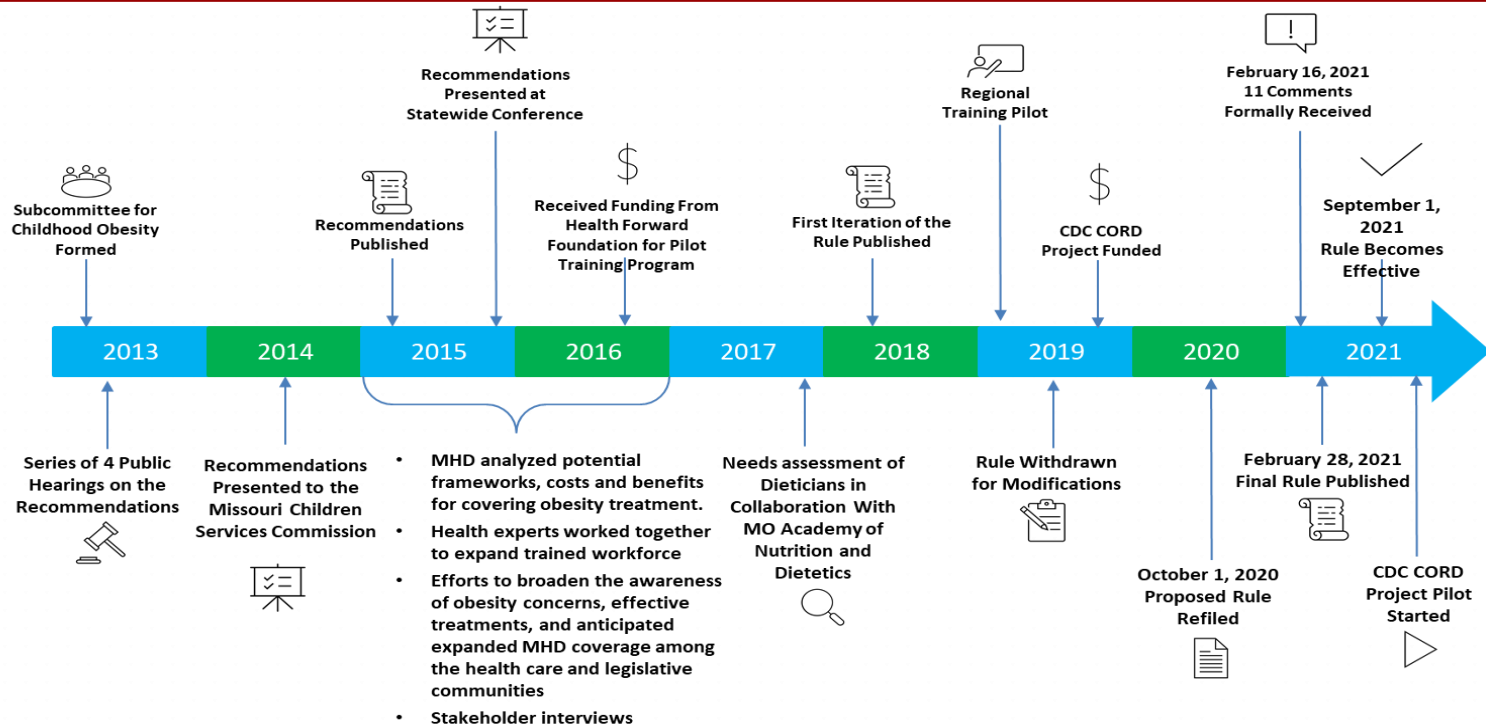
- MO Medicaid obesity treatment benefit became effective September 1, 2021 for Fee-For-Service. Managed Care services to follow in Summer, 2022. **Reimbursement matches the USPSTF recommendations.**

13 CSR 70-25.140 Biopsychosocial Treatment of Obesity for Youth and Adults

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the MO HealthNet payment policy for the biopsychosocial treatment of obesity for youth and adult participants. The goal of this policy is to improve health outcomes for both the youth and adult population by managing obesity and associated co-morbidities.

MO Medicaid Rules <https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/AdRules/moreg/2018/v43n17Sept4/v43n17a.pdf>
<https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/13csr/13c70-25.pdf>

Timeline Synopsis for Medicaid Rule 2013-2022



Highlights of the Obesity Treatment



Services

- Youth: Family Based Behavioral Therapy (FBT)-26 hours
- Adults: Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)-12 hours
- Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT): All participants-1 hour and 45 minutes
- Delivered through mix of individual, family (child), and group sessions
- 6 month intervention period with continuation criteria



Participant Criteria

- Medical provider diagnosis of obesity and referral for FBT/IBT & MNT
- Youth, ages 0 through 20, with age- and gender-specific BMI $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ %
- Adults, 21 years and older with BMI ≥ 30



Providers

- FBT & IBT: Individual and group sessions: psychiatrist, clinical social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and psychiatric advanced practice registered nurse. Group sessions only: registered dietitian/nutritionist
- MNT: Registered dietitian/nutritionist
- All providers must be licensed and have specialist certificate or meet experience & training criteria

Maria's Story



Age 7

- 168 lbs
- Told she was just going through a growth spurt by pediatrician
- Mother felt blamed and concerned about daughter's weight since she and her husband also struggle with their weight

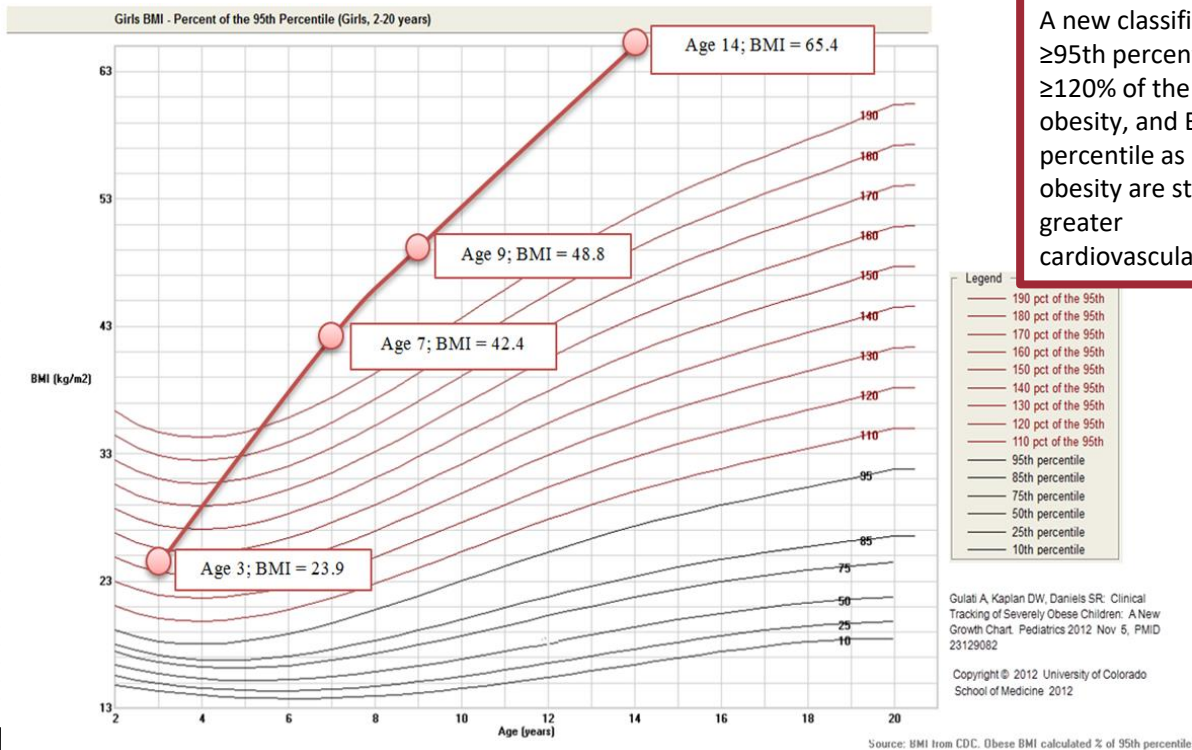
Age 12

- 398 lbs
- Suffered unbearable stigmatization at school
- Maria and her mother completed programs together that were geared either toward adults or children, except for one which included the entire family but was not of sufficient duration

Age 14

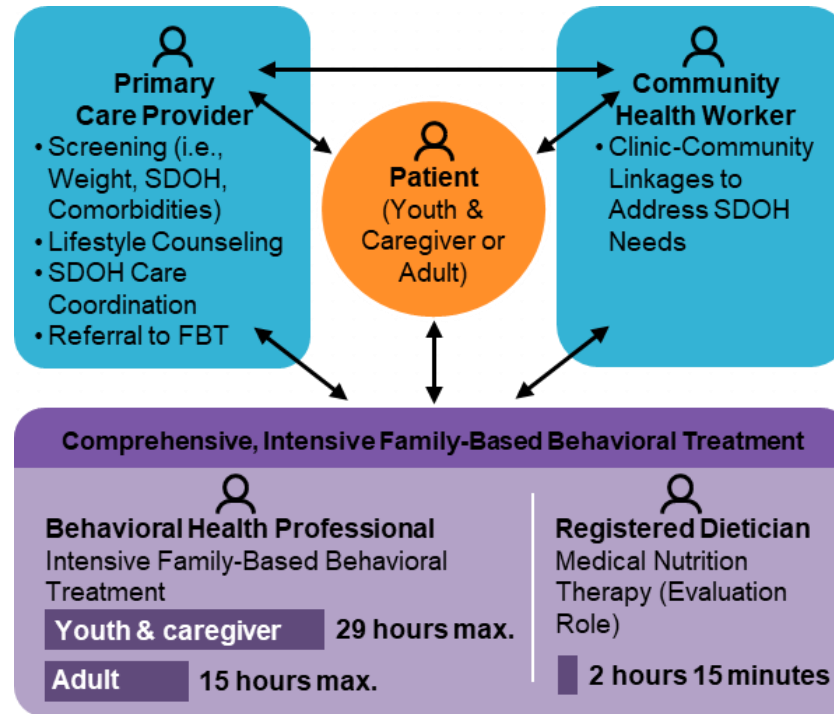
- 443 lbs; BMI 63.6
- Gastric bypass surgery was her only option after spending countless dollars out-of-pocket on ineffective, insufficient, or non-evidence based programs

Maria's Growth Chart

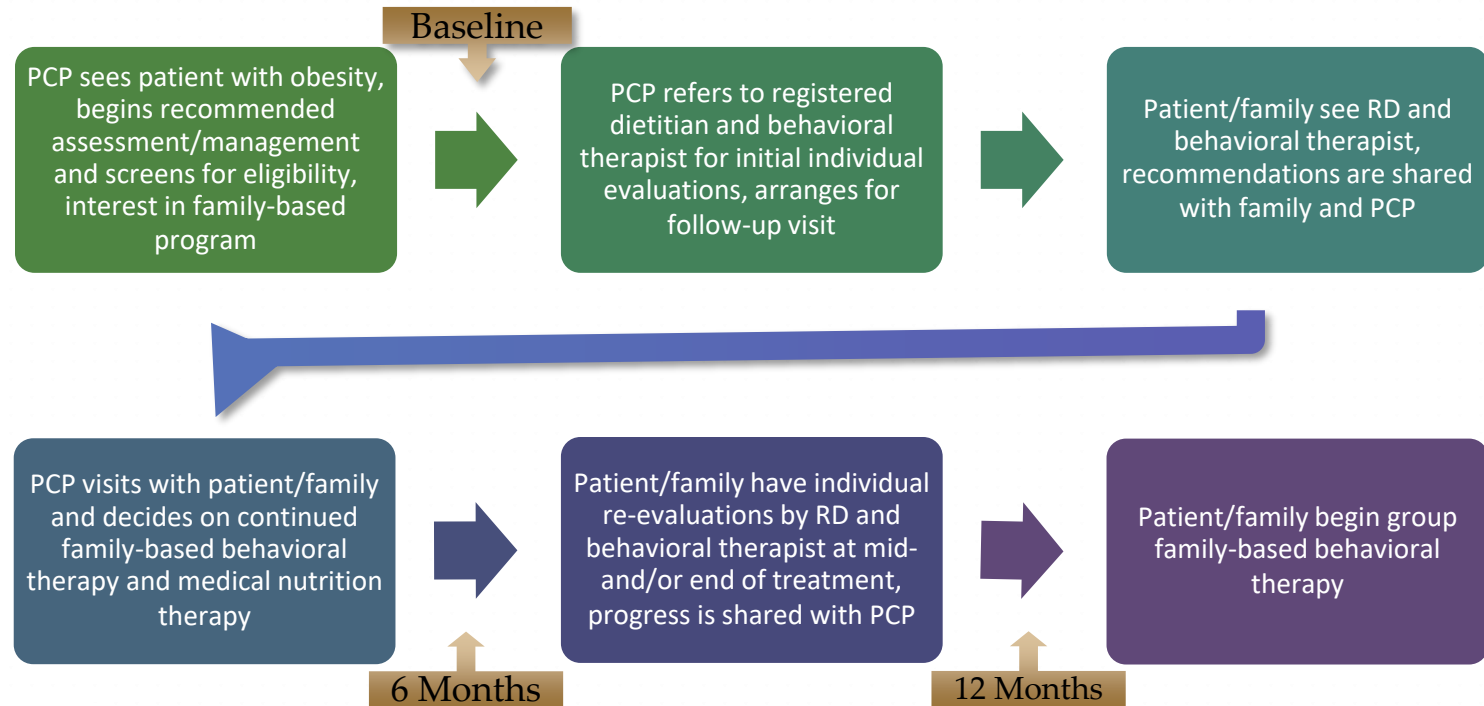


A new classification system recognizes BMI ≥ 95 th percentile as **class I** obesity, BMI $\geq 120\%$ of the 95th percentile as **class II** obesity, and BMI $\geq 140\%$ of the 95th percentile as class III obesity. Class II and III obesity are strongly associated with greater cardiovascular and metabolic risk.

OVERVIEW OF THE MISSOURI OBESITY TREATMENT PACKAGE



MHD'S PEDIATRIC OBESITY TREATMENT: HOW WILL IT *IDEALLY* WORK?



MHD'S ADULT OBESITY TREATMENT PACKAGE ELEMENTS

- Available to adults who meet the eligibility criteria
- IBT can be delivered face-to-face or via telehealth
- The additional 6 months of treatment require prior authorization
- Adults who are ineligible for the additional 6 months can re-enroll next year

Total Possible Does for Adult Treatment: 17.25 Hours

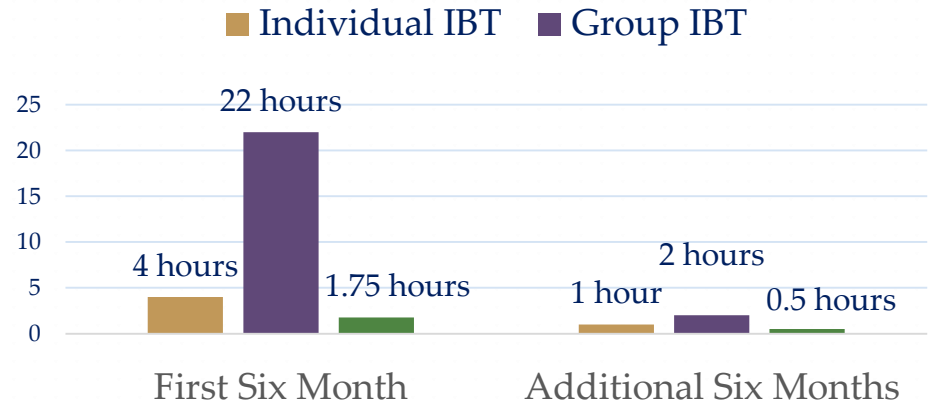
■ Individual IBT ■ Group IBT



MHD'S YOUTH + CAREGIVER OBESITY TREATMENT PACKAGE ELEMENTS

- Youths ≤ 20 years old with Obesity
- IBT can be delivered face-to-face or via telehealth
- The additional 6 months of treatment require prior authorization
- Youths who are ineligible for the additional 6 months can re-enroll next year

Total Possible Dose for Youth + Caregiver Treatment: 31 hours



REFERRAL AND CARE COORDINATION



QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE MNT

- Licensed registered dietitian or registered dietitian/nutritionist (RDN) enrolled as a MO HN provider, and
- Has a national specialist certificate for obesity treatment in adults or children/adolescents (from Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), or
- Has completed a qualified training program addressing obesity treatment
- RD/RDN may qualify based on experience if has:
 - Maintained a dietitian license credential for a minimum of two (2) years, and
 - A minimum of 2,000 hours of specialty practice experience delivering weight management behavioral treatment for individuals and/or families or youth within the past 5 years; and
 - Documentation of a minimum of 6 hours of obesity or weight management CEUs or professional equivalent post receipt of license credential

QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE IBT/FBT

- Licensed behavioral health professional: social worker, marriage/family therapist, professional counselor, psychologist, psychiatric NP, psychiatrist
- Registered dietitians are eligible to provide group IBT
- Have a specialist certification for the participant population(s) served that was attained through completion of a qualified training program addressing obesity and weight management treatment
- A licensed provider may provide IBT without a certificate if the provider has:
 - Maintained 1 of the above license credentials for a minimum of two 2 years
 - Minimum of 2,000 hours of specialty practice experience delivering weight management behavioral treatment for individuals and/or families or youth within the past 5 years; and
 - Documentation of a minimum of 6 hours of obesity or weight management CEUs or professional equivalent post receipt of license credential

FBT/IBT TRAINING PROGRAM CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

- Qualified Training Program:
 - Content-expert instruction and interactive discussion (which may occur face-to-face or by electronic delivery);
 - Course materials developed by professionals with demonstrated expertise in the content area
 - Content areas cover evidence-based approaches to effectively deliver weight management and obesity treatment for adult and/or youth participants using a family-centered, comprehensive approach; and sponsored by or conducted in affiliation with a qualified university
- The training program for youth and adults participants shall contain a mix of didactics with simulation work conducted by members of the training center staff
- The qualified training program shall provide a certificate upon completion of the program

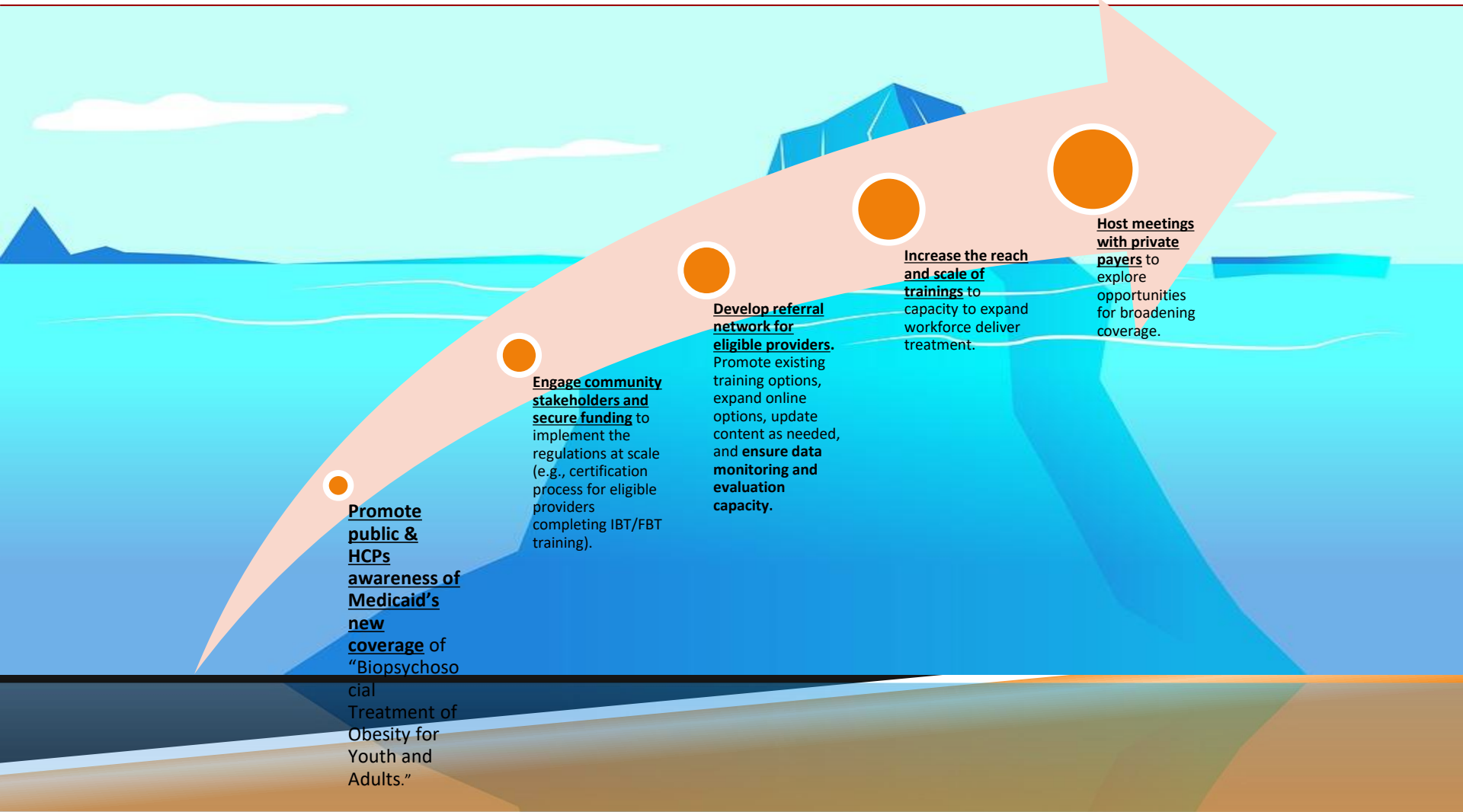
FBT/IBT TRAINING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PROCESS

- Initially, the provider is certified for one (1) year. Renewal of specialist certification will not be issued until the new provider receives documentation of compliance with certification standards
- Qualified training programs will provide a means for newly certified providers to receive evaluation of compliance with certification standards using established procedures
- This one-time documentation will occur within the first year of completing the qualified training program. Evaluations of compliance may be conducted in small groups or individually and include case reviews plus audio-recordings of the treatment delivered by the newly certified provider
- Newly trained providers will have a sample of session audio recordings evaluated (i.e., an initial treatment session, and additional review of audio recordings at the beginning, middle, and final phases of treatment) within the first six (6) months of providing services
- If the newly certified provider is unable to meet competency the experienced evaluator provides corrective feedback. The experienced provider also reviews additional session audio recordings until two (2) consecutive recordings receiving a competent rating

OBESITY TREATMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO DATE

- 2016-2019: Grant-funded trainings of behavioral health professionals to provide family-based behavioral treatment; RD/RDNs to provide medical nutrition therapy for children in Kansas City area
- 2018-present: Dr. Wilfley and colleagues have trained St. Louis and mid-MO behavioral health professionals in pediatric primary care clinics in FBT through PCORI grant
- 2019-present: Dr. Wilfley and colleagues have trained behavioral health professionals in a Joplin and Kansas City pediatric primary care clinic through CDC grant
- Have partnered with MO AAP and MO AND to provide trainings for pediatricians and RDs/RDNs seeing children
- Partnering with Show-Me Telehealth Network in pediatric weight mgmt ECHO

PRIORITIES FOR SCALING UP FBT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS



Promote public & HCPs awareness of Medicaid's new coverage of "Biopsychosocial Treatment of Obesity for Youth and Adults."

Engage community stakeholders and secure funding to implement the regulations at scale (e.g., certification process for eligible providers completing IBT/GBT training).

Develop referral network for eligible providers. Promote existing training options, expand online options, update content as needed, and **ensure data monitoring and evaluation capacity.**

Increase the reach and scale of trainings to capacity to expand workforce deliver treatment.

Host meetings with private payers to explore opportunities for broadening coverage.

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS?



MEDICAID.GOV – RELEVANT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- For children enrolled in Medicaid, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit covers all medically necessary services which can include obesity-related services. For adults, the states can choose which services to provide, with most states choosing to cover at least one obesity treatment.
- The Affordable Care Act includes several provisions that promote preventive care including obesity-related services and coverage.
- The law calls for states to design public awareness campaigns to educate Medicaid enrollees on the availability and coverage of preventive services, including obesity-related services. To help states meet this requirement, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host calls and webinars regarding coverage and promotion of preventive services, develop fact sheets that address Medicaid coverage of preventive services, and share examples of state Medicaid program efforts to increase awareness of preventive services
- The Affordable Care Act provided funding for the [Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project](#). The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) established this obesity demonstration grant program to identify effective health care and community strategies to support children's healthy eating and active living to help combat childhood obesity. The project targets low-income children aged 2-12 years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) leads this program and is working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

MHD'S ADULT OBESITY TREATMENT CONTINUATION CRITERIA

Eligible for Additional 6 Months

- ☒ Reduction of 5% body weight
- ☒ If the patient is found to have a relevant medical diagnosis and is treated for it.

MHD'S YOUTH AND CAREGIVER OBESITY TREATMENT CONTINUATION CRITERIA

Eligible for Additional 6 Months

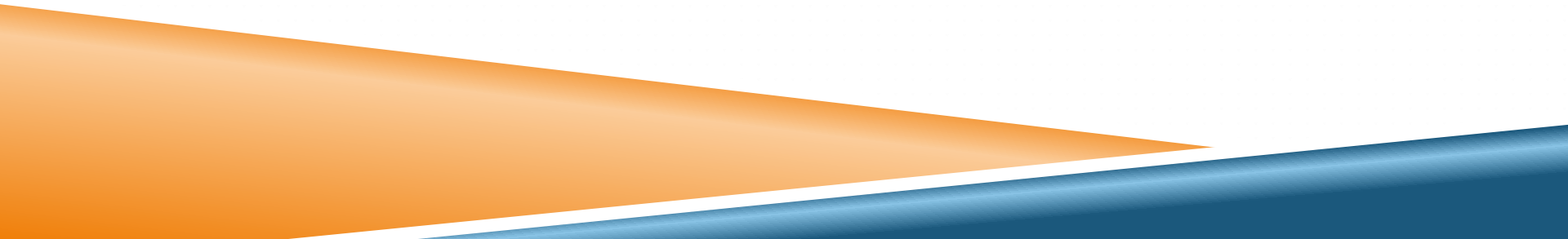
The youth participant meets the lesser of one of the following:

- ☒ BMI decreases below 95th percentile
- ☒ Reduction in 5% body fat
- ☒ Weight Stabilization (defined as ± 0.5 BMI units)
- ☒ If the participant's initial BMI >99th percentile, a decrease in 9 units of percentage

MHD UPDATE

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CCBHOS IN MISSOURI

Burrell Behavioral
Health

Clark Community
Mental Health
Center

Compass

Comprehensive
Mental Health
Services

COMTREA

Family Counseling
Center

Family Guidance
Center

Mark Twain
Behavioral Health

North Central
Mental Health
Center

Ozark Center

Places for People

Preferred Family
Healthcare

ReDiscover

Tri-County Mental
Health Services

Arthur Center

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Bootheel
Counseling

Community
Counseling Center

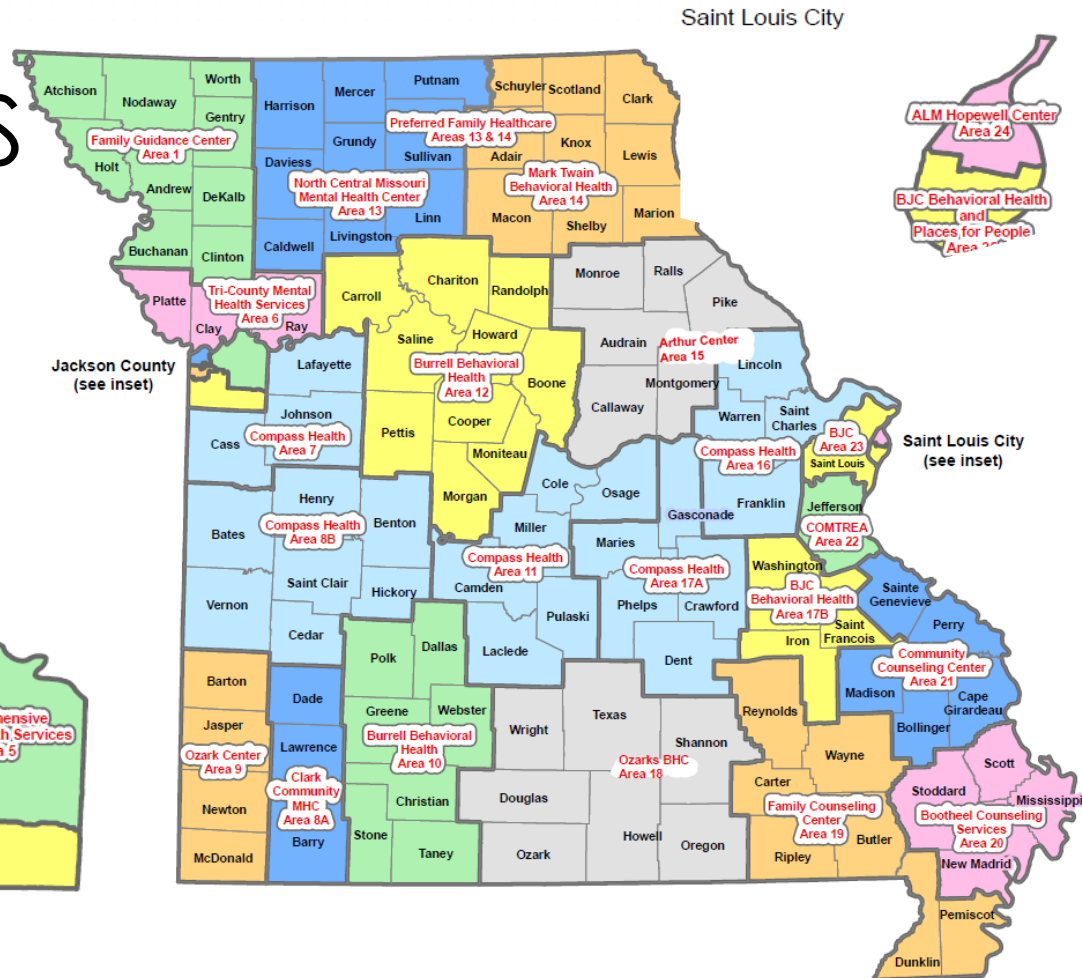
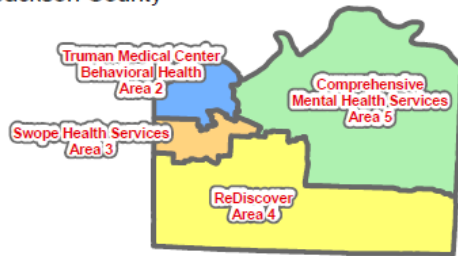
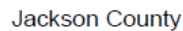
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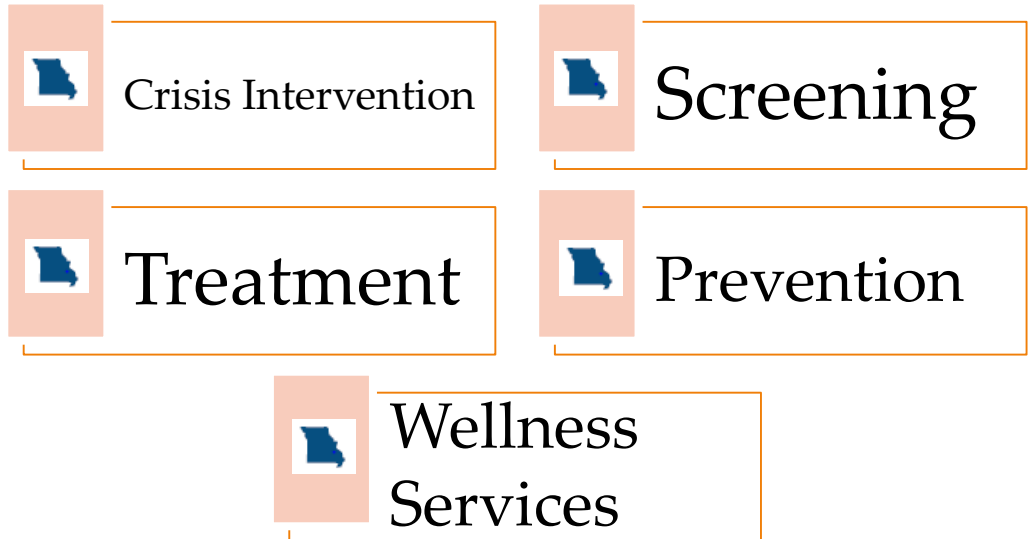
REGULATIONS

- ▶ All CCBHOs must be certified by the DBH and are regulated by 9CSR 30-6.010 Certified Community Behavioral Health Organizations.



OBJECTIVES

CCBHOs integrate behavioral health with physical healthcare.



REQUIREMENTS

CCBHOs are
required to:

USE EVIDENCE
BASED PRACTICES
& PROMISING
PRACTICES

COORDINATE CARE
& PROVIDE AN
ARRAY OF
SERVICES

SERVE THE POPULATION OF
FOCUS WITH THEIR
GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE
AREA

PROVIDE NEEDED
SERVICES TO THE
POPULATIONS OF
FOCUS REGARDLESS OF
PAYMENT SOURCE OR
ABILITY TO PAY

MEASURE & REPORT
OUTCOMES ON
EFFICIENCY &
EFFECTIVENESS OF
SERVICES PROVIDED
AND HEALTH
STATUSES

SERVICES

The comprehensive array of behavioral health services must include:

- Crisis Mental Health Services
- Screening, Assessment, & Diagnosis
- Patient Centered Treatment Planning
- Outpatient Mental Health & SUD Services
- Primary Care Screening & Monitoring
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Peer & Family Support Services

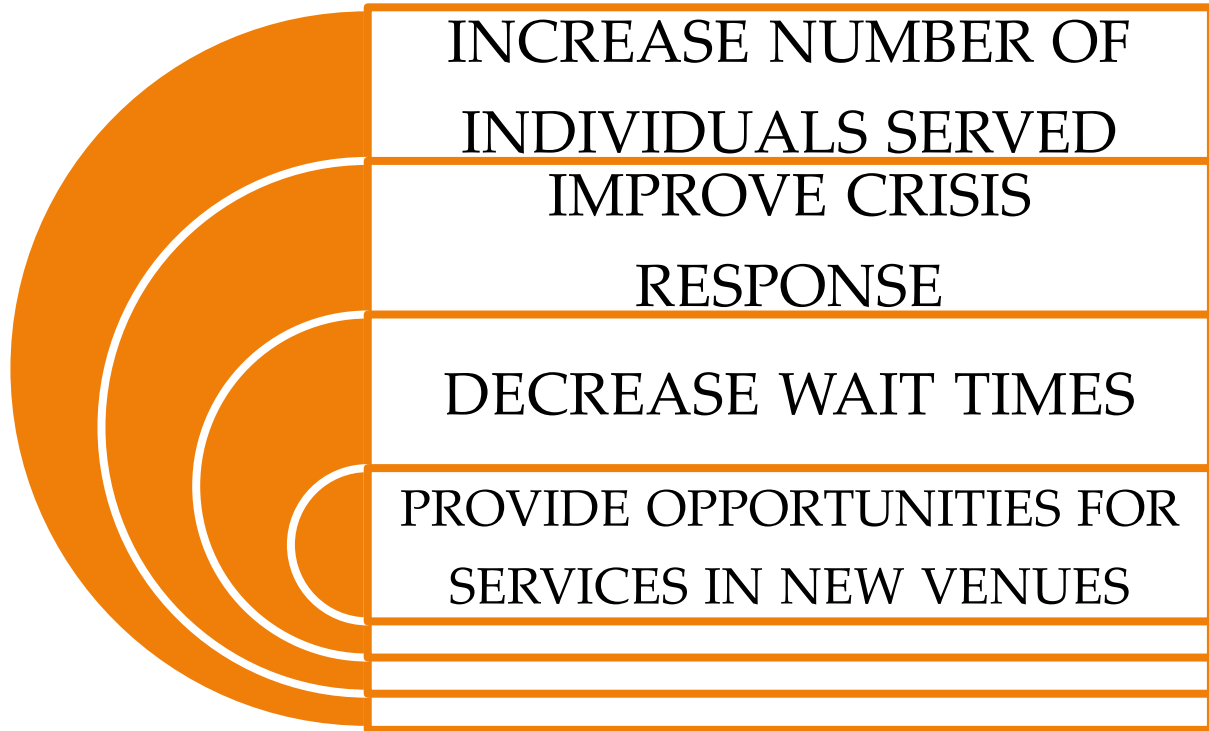
REQUIRED STAFF

CCBHOs are
required to have
the following
staff:

- ❑ MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO IS A LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST
- ❑ LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WITH EXPERTISE & TRAINING IN TRAUMA RELATED DISORDERS
- ❑ COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LIAISON
- ❑ CLINICAL STAFF TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT PLANS
- ❑ LICENSED MHP WITH TRAINING ON EVIDENCE-BASED, BEST AND PROMISING PRACTICES AS DMH REQUIRES
- ❑ PHYSICIAN(S) WITH A WAIVER
- ❑ STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WELLNESS TRAINED
- ❑ INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED DEPARTMENT-APPROVED SMOKING CESSATION TRAINING
- ❑ FAMILY SUPPORT PROVIDERS
- ❑ CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALISTS

BENEFITS

Initial outcomes
indicate that
CCBHOs:



Asthma Policy Update

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Asthma Treatment

- ❖ Asthma can be effectively treated, and most patients can achieve good control of their asthma. When asthma is under good control, patients can:
 - Avoid troublesome symptoms during day and night
 - Need little to no reliever medication
 - Have productive, physically active lives
 - Have normal or near normal lung function
 - Avoid serious asthma flare-ups (exacerbations or attacks)
- ❖ Treatment with inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) containing medications reduces frequency and severity of asthma symptoms and reduces the risk of flare-ups and dying due to asthma.
- ❖ Asthma flare-ups can be fatal. They are more common and more severe when asthma is uncontrolled.

References:

1. GINA Pocket Guide 2021 - <https://ginasthma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/GINA-Pocket-Guide-2021-V2-WMS.pdf>

Asthma Treatment Recommendations

- ❖ For safety, the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) recommends that every adult and adolescent with asthma should receive an ICS-containing controller medication to reduce risk of serious exacerbations, including patients with infrequent symptoms.
- ❖ Every patient with asthma should have a reliever inhaler for as-needed use:
 - ICS-formoterol or short acting beta agonist (SABA)
 - ICS-formoterol is preferred as it reduces the risk of severe exacerbations compared to SABA
 - ICS-formoterol should not be used as the reliever when the patient is taking a different maintenance ICS-LABA, these patients should receive a SABA

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SABA Overutilization

- ❖ Although SABA provides quick relief of symptoms, SABA-only treatment is associated with increased risk of exacerbations and lower lung function.
- ❖ Regular use of SABA increases allergic responses and airway inflammation and reduces the bronchodilator response to SABA when it is needed.
- ❖ Use of ≥ 3 canisters per year is associated with an increased risk of severe exacerbations.
 - 40.5% of MO HealthNet participants that received at least 1 SABA in 2021 received 3 or more in 12 months.
- ❖ Use of ≥ 12 canisters in a year is associated with increased risk of asthma-related death.
 - 6.4% of MO HealthNet participants that received at least 1 SABA in 2021 received 12 or more in 12 months.

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SABA Utilization by MHD Participants

of Participants who received at least one SABA MDI in CY 2021

18 And Under	Over 18	Grand Total
48,854	46,931	95,785

>4 MDI/Year	18 And Under	Over 18	Grand Total	>6 MDI/Year	18 And Under	Over 18	Grand Total
Asthma	3,456	1,582	5,038	Asthma	2,118	1,126	3,244
Both	33	926	959	Both	22	751	773
COPD	27	7,443	7,470	COPD	16	5,619	5,635
None	4,626	5,371	9997	None	2,607	3,644	6,251
Grand Total	8,142	15,322	23,464	Grand Total	4,763	11,140	15,903
	17%	33%	24%		10%	24%	17%

>10 MDI/Year	18 And Under	Over18	Grand Total	>12 MDI/Year	18 And Under	Over 18	Grand Total
Asthma	855	548	1,403	Asthma	521	317	838
Both	10	432	442	Both	6	256	262
COPD	6	3,079	3,085	COPD	4	1,565	1,569
None	977	1,659	2,636	None	575	791	1,366
Grand Total	1,848	5,718	7,566	Grand Total	1,106	2,929	4,035
	4%	12%	8%		2%	6%	4%

Figures are for CY2021 and exclude participants diagnosed with cystic fibrosis

ER and Inpatient Stays for Asthma or COPD Exacerbation per Participant per Year

	18 and Under				Over 18			
# of MDIs	>11	>6	>3	<3	>11	>6	>3	<3
Asthma	0.527	0.529	0.437	0.220	0.490	0.420	0.379	0.229
Both	0.900	0.818	0.725	0.579	1.227	1.191	1.094	0.803
COPD	0.500	0.375	0.206	0.049	0.495	0.450	0.440	0.330
None	0.034	0.040	0.044	0.026	0.023	0.021	0.023	0.021
Total	0.268	0.263	0.203	0.067	0.421	0.357	0.316	0.109

Data pulled 3/17/2022 for dates of service in CY 2021. Excludes participants diagnosed with CF. Analysis include participants who received 1 albuterol MDI in CY 2021. ER and Inpatient claims included if the claim included diagnosis code of asthma exacerbation, status asthmaticus, or COPD exacerbation.

MHD Compared to other Medicaid Programs

PQI 05: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate: Age 40 and Older (FFY 2020)

[Learn more about this measure +](#)

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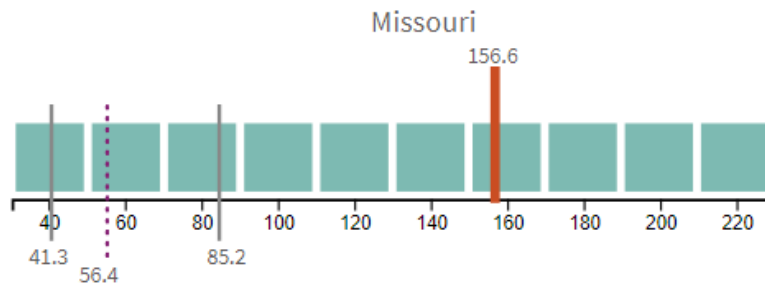
- Inpatient Hospital Admissions for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma per 100,000 Beneficiary Months: Ages 40 to 64

Population

Medicaid & CHIP

31 States Reporting

156.6 State Rate
Rate per 100,000 Beneficiary Months



Rate per 100,000 Beneficiary Months
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Lower rates are better for this measure

PQI 15: Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate: Ages 18 to 39 (FFY 2020)

[Learn more about this measure +](#)

Rate

- Inpatient Hospital Admissions for Asthma per 100,000 Beneficiary Months: Ages 18 to 39

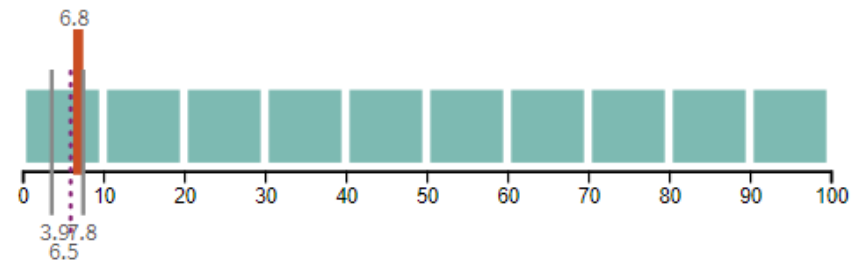
Population

Medicaid & CHIP

32 States Reporting

6.8 State Rate
Rate per 100,000 Beneficiary Months

Missouri



Rate per 100,000 Beneficiary Months
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References:

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MHD Compared to other Medicaid Programs

Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5 to 18 (FFY 2020)

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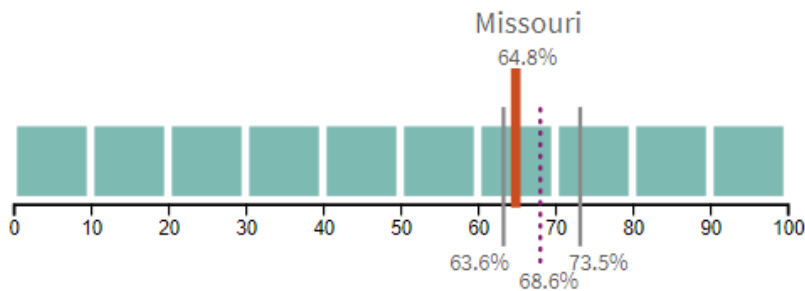
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- Percentage with Persistent Asthma who had a Ratio of Controlle... ▼

Population

Medicaid & CHIP

43 States Reporting **64.8%** State Rate



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Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 19 to 64 (FFY 2020)

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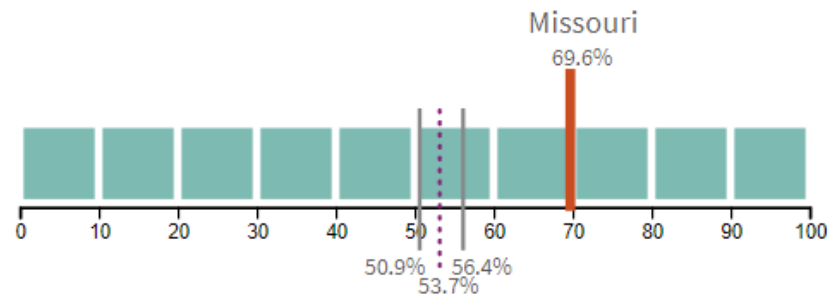
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Population

Medicaid & CHIP

42 States Reporting **69.6%** State Rate



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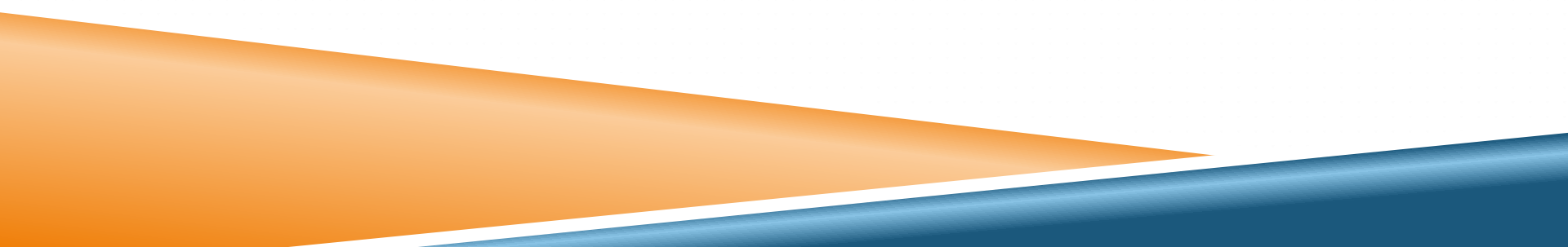
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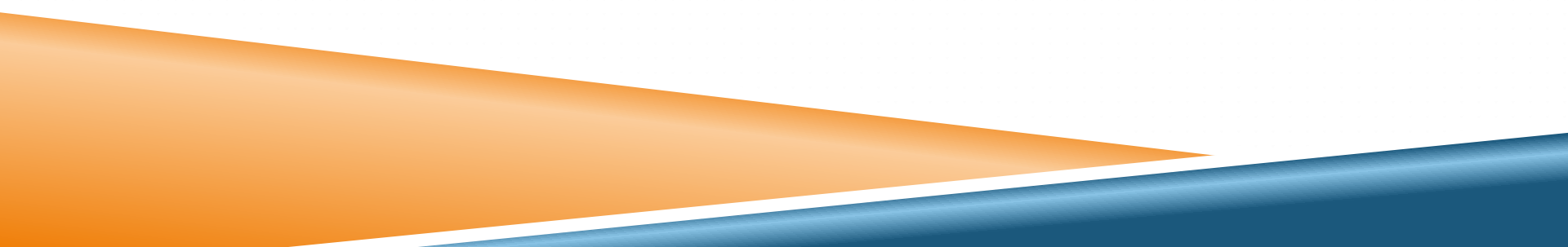
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Proposed Policy Changes (effective July 2022)

- ❖ Goal of changes: notify prescribers of over utilization of SABA and promote the use of SMART and maintenance medications to prevent exacerbations.
 - ❖ Quantity limits for SABA MDI (albuterol and levalbuterol):
 - Participants ≥ 18 years old: 3 canisters per 180 days (3.3 puffs per day)
 - Participants with cystic fibrosis are excluded from the quantity limit
 - ❖ Quantity limit for albuterol or levalbuterol inhalation solution:
 - 120 vials per 60 days
 - Participants with cystic fibrosis are excluded from the quantity limit
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Communication Plan

❖ Outreach to MO HealthNet Providers via:

- Provider e-mail blasts
 - Direct communication with provider groups, including prescribers and pharmacies
 - MHD staff available to speak to provider groups at conferences and webinars
 - Drug utilization review message is already being sent to pharmacies at point of sale
 - Managed Care Organizations
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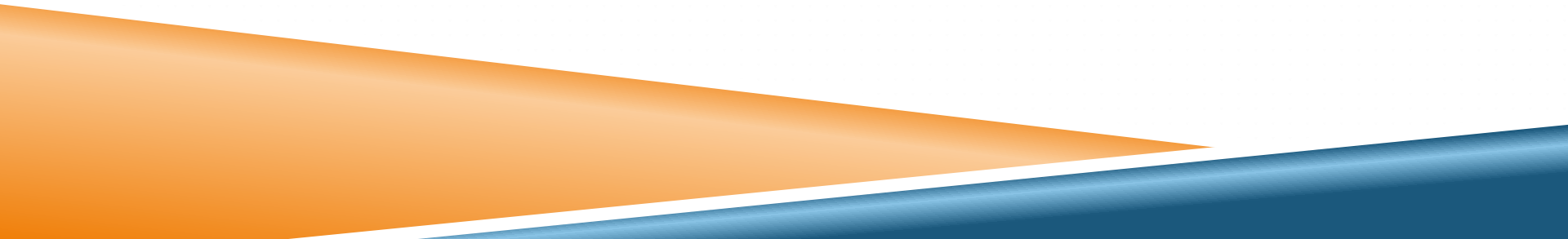
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Advocates for Family Health at Legal Aid of Western Missouri

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Legal Aid of Western Missouri:

- Since 1964, Legal Aid of Western Missouri has provided dignity, self-sufficiency, and justice through quality civil (non-criminal) legal assistance for those who have nowhere else to turn
- LAWMO provides free legal representation to low-income citizens residing in a 40-county service area
- LAWMO's funding comes from a wide variety of federal, state, and local government sources; foundations; law firms; and individuals





Advocates for Family Health Project (AFH):

- Ombudsman program created to assist families experiencing problems with their MO HealthNet benefits, primarily under the Family Medicaid Programs (i.e., managed care population)
- AFH at LAWMO currently consists of two attorneys and one paralegal, with support as needed from other members of the Public Benefits Team





AFH (continued):

- Assists with family MO HealthNet (Medicaid) eligibility & application issues
- Helps participants having problems with their Managed Care Plan or unpaid medical bills that should have been paid for by MO HealthNet coverage
- Advises and assists with denial of service or equipment appeals



Opportunities for Improving Participants' Understanding of Managed Care Coverage:

- FSD & MHD: educating AEG applicants/recipients about benefits
 - What is available under MHABD vs. AEG coverage
 - Whether MCO enrollment pending



Opportunities for Improving Participants' Understanding of Managed Care Coverage (cont.):

- MCOs: continuing member outreach & education
 - Role of MCOs/subcontractors
 - MCO appeal vs. SFH



Opportunities for Improving Members' Navigation of the Managed Care Appeal Process:

- Revising Adverse Benefit Determination notices to more clearly explain:
 - why benefit was denied;
 - what appeal rights are; and
 - what happens after an appeal is requested



Contacting Legal Aid of Western Missouri:

Legal Aid is comprised of a Central Office in Kansas City and numerous smaller offices focusing on specific practice or geographic areas.

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